SUDOKU ALPHA

QUICK **A5231**

						6		
8				2	5	4	3	
								2
				5	9		2	
		1			4			3
4		7	1		6	5		
	9					8		
2	6					3	7	
	8	3	4		1		5	

TRICKY **B5231**

					8			
	1			4		3		
	2					5	9	4
	9	5	6	8		2		
				2		1		
		6		1			7	
6				7			8	
					3			
7				6				1

To solve this puzzle each 3x3 box, each row and each column must contain all the numbers 1 to 9. While the rules may be simple, there are numerous strategies to help you solve sudoku. For hints and information visit www.sudoku.org.uk.

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CROSSWORD

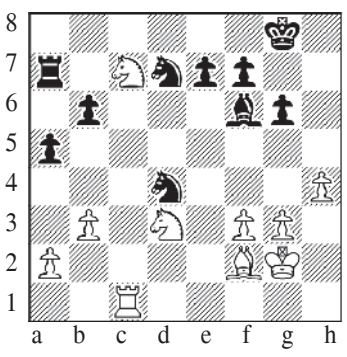
ACROSS

2 Crested parrot (8)
9 Cream cake (6)
10 Fall over (4)
11 Ready to pick or eat (4)
13 Singing voice (5)
14 Nine seeds (anag.) (9)
16 Radiant (5)
19 Animal's appendage (4)
20 Aeroplane part (4)
21 Draw (6)
22 Wizard (8)

DOWN

1 Causes to explode (9)
3 Oily fruit (5)
4 Short cloak (4)
5 Seabird (9)
6 Slender (4)
7 Be against (6)
8 Omission or mistake (9)
12 To be played smoothly (6)
15 Exclusive (5)
17 Untruthful person (4)
18 Water jug (4)

CHESS



WHITE WINS A PIECE

HINT: KEY IS A KNIGHT FORK.

Solution:
1. Bxd4! Bxd4 2. Nb5! etc.
(attacks both bishop and rook).

TARGET

HOW many words of four letters or more can you make from the letters shown here?
In making a word, each letter may be used once only. Each must contain the centre letter and there must be at least one nine-letter word.
No plurals or verb forms ending in "s".

TODAY'S TARGET

Good 27;

Very good 40;

Excellent 53 (or more).

Solution tomorrow.

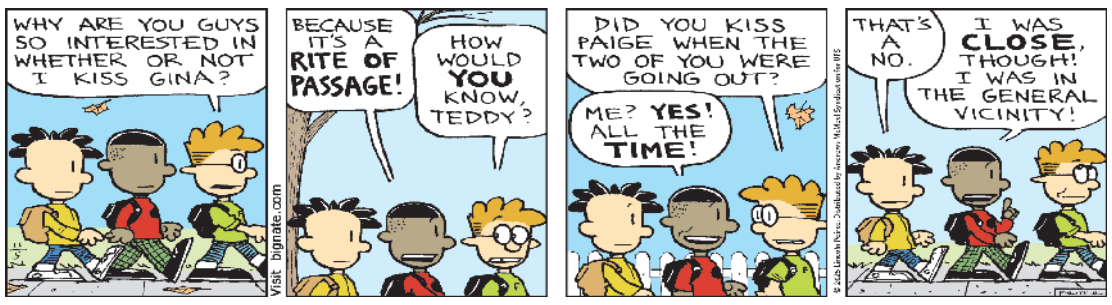
YESTERDAY'S SOLUTIONS

HACKNEYED

ankh cake caked cheek cheeky dank deck dyke eked hacek hack hacked hackney HACKNEYED hake hank hanky heck keen keyed khan knead knee kneed naked neck necked yack yacked yank yanked

THE METRO FUNNIES

BIG NATE | BY LINCOLN PEIRCE


WHY ARE YOU GUYS SO INTERESTED IN WHETHER OR NOT I KISS GINA?
BECAUSE IT'S A RITE OF PASSAGE!
HOW WOULD YOU KNOW, TEDDY?
DID YOU KISS PAIGE WHEN THE TWO OF YOU WERE GOING OUT?
ME? YES! ALL THE TIME!
THAT'S A NO.
I WAS CLOSE, THOUGH! I WAS IN THE GENERAL VICINITY!
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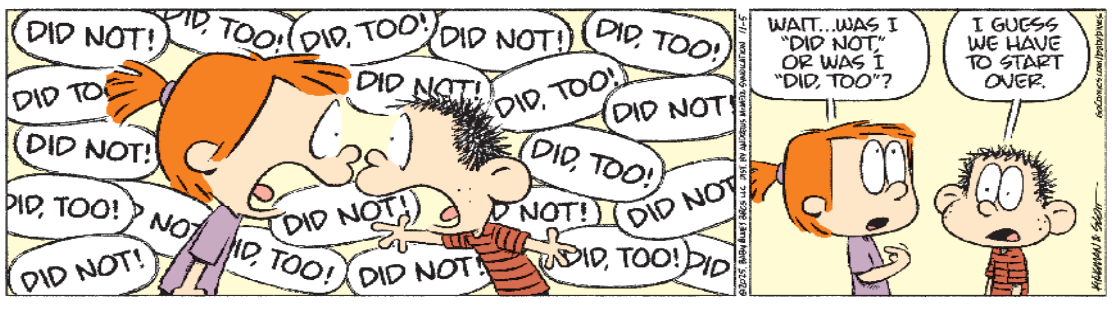
THE WIZARD OF ID | BY BRANT PARKER AND JOHNNY HART

BABY BLUES



WEATHER

Sunset & Sunrise

	Hyderabad	Islamabad	Karachi	Lahore	Peshawar	Quetta
Sunset	05:44pm	05:17pm	05:50pm	05:12pm	05:20pm	05:47pm
Sunrise	06:36am	06:27am	06:41am	06:20am	06:34am	06:45am

Three Day Forecast

	Today				Tomorrow			Day After		
	Min	Max	Outlook	Humidity%	Min	Max	Outlook	Min	Max	Outlook
Faisalabad	13	27	Sunny	67	12	28	Sunny	13	26	Sunny
Hyderabad	16	32	Sunny	33	14	33	Sunny	14	33	Sunny
Islamabad	11	24	Sunny	69	11	26	Sunny	11	26	Sunny
Lahore	16	27	Sunny	52	12	27	Sunny	12	27	Sunny
Multan	14	28	Sunny	64	14	29	Sunny	14	29	Sunny
Peshawar	12	25	Mainly Sunny	69	10	26	Sunny	10	26	Sunny
Quetta	3	18	Sunny	27	3	19	Sunny	3	18	Sunny

Temperature estimates are internationally sourced and may differ from local estimates.

HELP

EMERGENCIES

Police Help	15, 99212652-53, 99212634
CPLC	1102, 35662222
Fire Brigade	16, 99215007, 99215008.
Bomb Disposal	99212674
KE Complaints	118
Telephone complaints	1218
Railway Inquiry	99213565-66
PCAA Flight Inquiry	99071284, 99071259
	99071265, 114

HOSPITALS

Abbasi Shaheed	99260400-09
Civil Hospital	99215740, 9215960
Jinnah Hospital	99201300-99201301
NICVD	99201271-6
Aga Khan Hospital	34930051
Medicare Hospital	021-111-001-786
Kharadar Gen Hospital	32510113-16
Indus Hospital	35112709
Tabba	36811841, 111844844
Ziauddin Hospital	35862937-9, 36648237-9
Kiran Cancer Hospital	99261601-04
Liaquat National	111-456-456, 34939615
Memon Medical	34691147 — 54
A.O. Clinic	36685564, 3668550-64
Baqai Hospital	36618396, 36618398
Holy Family Hospital	32258994, 32258991
Patel Hospital	111174174
South City Hospital	35374072
Kidney Centre Institute	35661000-10
Karwan-e-Hayat	021-111534111
Usman Memorial	021-36310311-15

AMBULANCE

Edhi	115, 32310066, 32310077
Chhipa	1020
SIEHS/Rescue	1122
St.John	32250500, 32250600
Red Crescent	35306227, 35306228

BLOOD BANK

Fatmid	32225284, 32258656
Husaini	32238405-08
PWA (Civil)	99215740, 99215959

WORD GAME

By Kathleen Saxe

▼ TODAY'S WORD
RIVETED

(RIVETED: RIH-vih-tid: Attracted or held completely, such as a person's attention.)

Average mark 17 words
Time limit 30 minutes

Can you find 27 or more words in RIVETED?

The list will be published tomorrow.

SOLUTIONS

▼ YESTERDAY'S WORD — HONORIFIC

honor, hoof, horn, noir, nori, rich, ricin, roof, icon, inch, inro, ionic, iron, ironic, finch, chin, chino, choir, coho, coif, coin, coir, corn, croon

RULES OF THE GAME:

1. Words must be of four or more letters.
2. Words that acquire four letters by the addition of "s," such as "bats" or "dies," are not allowed.
3. Additional words made by adding a "d" or an "s" may not be used. For example, if "bake" is used, "baked" or "bakes" are not allowed, but "bake" and "baking" are admissible.
4. Proper nouns, slang words, or vulgar or sexually explicit words are not allowed.

METRO EVENTS

SESSIONS

A session on 'Storytelling Beyond Borders' is organised as part of the World Culture Festival at Josh Malihabdi Library, Arts Council of Pakistan, at 2pm.

'Community Care Workers Programme', an awareness session, at Behbud Complex, Kehkashan, Clifton, at 10am.

A session on 'Parenteral Nutrition — Enhancing Clinical Excellence through Nutrition Support' is organised at the Faculty of Pharmacy, Nazeer Hussain University, at 10am.

SUMMIT

Inaugural session of 'The Future Summit' on the theme 'Course Correction: Redefining The Direction', at M venpick Hotel, at 8:45am.

EXHIBITIONS

An exhibition of artworks by Haya Zaidi is underway at Sanat Initiative Gallery. Titled *Becoming*, the show will continue till Nov 13.

When The Sky Was Mine, an exhibition of artworks by Mohsin Shaikh, is underway at Art Scene Gallery. The show will continue till Nov 11.

From the Mountains to the Sea, an exhibition of works by Niamat Nigaar, opens at VM Art Gallery, at 5pm. The show will remain open till Nov 22, from 11am to 7pm.

HOROSCOPE

By Georgia Nicols

ARIES | March 21-April 19

**** Look for ways to boost your income today. You can do this. Be open to dealing with foreign countries and other cultures. Also, if you're making major purchases today, you will be pleased with the results. It's a positive day! Tonight: Contentment.

TAURUS | April 20-May 20

***** This is an excellent day for you, because the Moon is in your sign dancing beautifully with moneybags, lucky Jupiter. You'll be happy to schmooze with others. They will be friendly and congenial. You might be concerned for the welfare of someone. It's a great day for group activities. Tonight: You're pleased.

GEMINI | May 21-June 20

*** This is a pleasant day. You have a warm feeling in your tummy. You're keen to work and be productive. Nevertheless, fiery Mars opposite your sign might introduce some tension with those who are closest to you, especially spouses and partners -- professional or personal. Stay chill. Tonight: Enjoy privacy.

CANCER | June 21-July 22

**** Your involvement in groups, clubs and organizations will be a positive experience for you today. If you work together with others, not only will you enjoy the interaction, you will probably get more done. Your personal sense of optimism will be persuasive. Tonight: Network with others.

LEO | July 23-Aug. 22

**** You make an excellent impression on others today, especially parents, bosses and VIPs. They see you as successful, even affluent. (Even if you don't think so.) Fear not, because appearances are everything. Use this fortunate influence to ask for what you want. "More porridge?" Tonight: You're impressive.

VIRGO | Aug. 23-Sept. 22

**** This is the perfect day to travel or do something different. Go someplace you've never been before; explore your own neighborhood or your own city. Discussions about philosophy, religion and politics might be inspirational. Tonight: Study and learn.

LIBRA | Sept. 23-Oct. 22

**** You couldn't pick a better day to ask for a loan or a mortgage. The doors of financial institutions will open for you. It's also a good day to borrow an item from a friend, and certainly, it's the perfect day to ask for something back that you had loaned to someone. Tonight: Good fortune.

SCORPIO | Oct. 23-Nov. 21

**** Enjoy the company of members of the general public today, as well as close friends and partners. People will be warm and friendly, and inclusive and happy to share ideas and experiences. You might persuade someone about something, or vice versa; they might persuade you. Tonight: Socialize.

SAGITTARIUS | Nov. 22-Dec. 21

**** Work-related travel is likely today. You also might find yourself more involved with foreign countries or people from other cultures. Respect your ideas today. They might sound grandiose but they will probably fly. It's your day to think big! Tonight: Work.

CAPRICORN | Dec. 22-Jan. 19

**** Accept invitations to socialize with others today. You will have fun. This is an excellent day to enjoy the arts, movies, the entertainment world, as well as sports events and fun activities with kids. Meet someone for lunch or coffee. Check in with the gang at happy hour. Tonight: Relax.

AQUARIUS | Jan. 20-Feb. 18

*** Invite someone over for coffee or pizza and a beer, because this is a great day to spontaneously entertain. Gatherings might take place at your home for a specific purpose. Whatever the case, your optimism will carry the day. Plus, your ideas related to home and family situations might be ambitious and exciting. Tonight: Be friendly.

PISCES | Feb. 19-Mar. 20

**** This is an excellent day to convince others to your way of thinking, which is why you'll be successful if you're in sales, public relations, acting and teaching or writing. Your words will be like gold. They will be positive, perhaps even inspirational. Tonight: The power of positive thinking.

The stars show the kind of day you'll have: 5-Dynamic; 4-Positive; 3-Average; 2-so-so; 1-Difficult

CONTRACT BRIDGE

Bidding Quiz

By Steve Becker

Resist that impulse

East dealer.
Both sides vulnerable.

NORTH
♠ 9 5 2
♥ 7 2
♦ 7 6 5 3
♣ A Q 8 2

WEST
♠ J 6
♥ K 10 8 5 3
♦ K 9 8 4
♣ 6 5

EAST
♠ Q 10 8 4 3
♥ J 9 6
♦ 10 2
♣ K 7 4

SOUTH
♠ A K 7
♥ A Q 4
♦ A Q J
♣ J 10 9 3

The bidding:

East	South	West	North
Pass	2 NT	Pass	3 NT

Opening lead -- five of hearts.

Assume you're declarer at three notrump and West leads a heart. You win East's jack with the queen, and the question is how to continue.

There is a strong temptation to try a club finesse at this point, hoping to find West with the king. If he has it, you're sure to wind up with at least 10 tricks.

But since the contract is certain to make whenever West has the king of clubs, you should start thinking about what you can do if East has the king.

In that case, if you lost an early club finesse, you could duck East's heart return, but a third heart would then drive out your ace. Since you would have only eight sure tricks at that point, you would eventually have to try a diamond finesse. If it lost and West started with five hearts -- as in the actual deal -- you'd go down one.

For this reason, the correct play -- strange as it may seem -- is to lead the diamond jack at trick two! This insures the contract against any distribution of the adverse cards (assuming West started with at least four hearts).

If the jack holds, you next try the club finesse, guaranteeing nine tricks even if the finesse fails. If the diamond jack loses, you duck the heart return before taking the ace and then attempt the club finesse.

If the finesse wins, you have at least 10 tricks. If it loses and East has no more hearts, you're also home. And if East has a heart, which means the suit was originally divided 4-4, nine tricks are again assured.

The recommended approach to the play defuses the lone danger to the contract -- the possibility that West has a long heart suit and a side entry. Since that entry can only be the king of diamonds, you must deprive him of that card before it can be used to defeat you.

Tomorrow: Discovery play.

YESTERDAY'S CROSSWORD SOLUTIONS

ACROSS

1 Terminate
7 Elaine
9 Rand
10 Noose
12 Visa
13 Audacious
14 Prey
16 Idaho
18 Limb
19 Rueful
20 Armistice.

DOWN

1 Terrapin
2 Rank
3 Midday
4 Innocuous
5 Ado
6 Tissue
8 Feasible
11 Murder
12 Violet
15 Hi-fi
17 Aim.

YESTERDAY'S SUDOKU SOLUTIONS

Quick — A5230

4	2	1	8	7	5	3	9	6
3	9	5	1	2	6	7	8	4
7	8	6	3	4	9	5	2	1
9	7	8	4	6	3	2	1	5
5	1	3	7	9	2	6	4	8
2	6	4	5	8	1	9	3	7
1	5	2	6	3	8	4	7	9
8	3	7	9	5	4	1	6	2
6	4	9	2	1	7	8	5	3

Tricky — B5230

6	3	7	8	1	9	5	2	4
2	1	5	3	6	4	9	7	8
9	4	8	5	2	7	3	1	6
5	9	3	4	8	1	7	6	2
1	8	6	7	5	2	4	9	3
4	7	2	6	9	3	1	8	5
7	6	1	2	3	5	8	4	9
3	2	9	1	4	8	6	5	7
8	5	4	9	7	6	2	3	1